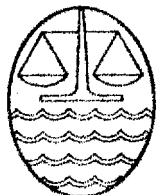




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### 5.3 Question of the delimitation between States; various aspects involved

1. Where the coasts of two or more States are adjacent and/or opposite, the continental shelf areas appertaining to each State, shall be determined by agreement among them, in accordance with equitable principles.
  2. In the course of negotiations, the States shall take into account all the relevant factors, including, inter alia, the geomorphological and geological structure of the shelf up to the outer limit of the continental margin, and special circumstances such as the general configuration of the respective coasts, the existence of islands, islets or rocks of one State on the continental shelf of the other.
  3. The States shall make use of any of the methods envisaged in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as those established under international agreements to which they are parties, or other peaceful means open to them, in case any of the parties refuses to enter into or continue negotiations or in order to resolve differences which may arise during such negotiations.
  4. The States may decide to apply any one or a combination of methods and principles appropriate for arriving at an equitable delimitation based on agreement.
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